

# Memorandum



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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**RE: PRIMARY & PREVENTIVE SERVICES BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT – March 2023**

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## I. Immunization Program

### A. Immunization Program Activities

1. A total of 328 COVID-19 Vaccines were administered, 271 COVID-19 Monovalent Vaccines, and 57 COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccines.
2. Reminder Postcards/Texts are ongoing. Continuing to work with Reminder Postcards with Adolescent Reminder Program.
3. Reminder phone calls were placed on hold due to staffing and employee transitions.
4. The Immunizations Program has transitioned 100% to e-EClinicalWorks (ECW). Key team members continue to finetune the use of this EHR during this early implementation phase.
5. The Immunization Program is continuing to work with the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the HPV Learning Collaborative in collaboration with ODS to develop strategies to increase initiation and completion rates of HPV vaccines for adolescents.

### B. Immunization Outreach Activities

1. A total of 3 outreach clinics were conducted in partnership with community organizations – REACH, Clark County School District and Nevada Homeless Alliance. A total of 66 vaccines were administered to 34 clients. Funding for the clinics came from the State Flu grant.
2. Administrative Assistants and Nursing staff continue rotations at Decatur Immunization clinic to maintain skills and learn eCW.
3. There were 3 clinics at Shannon West Homeless Youth Center. A total of 33 clients were assessed and tested for tuberculosis. Funding is from State of NV Substance Abuse and Prevention Tuberculosis (SAPTB) grant.
4. Two clinics were conducted at the Clark County School District Support Center. A total of 538 vaccines were administered to 168 clients. This walk-in clinic serves the needs of new students in Clark County. Immunization records are reviewed, and missing vaccinations required or recommended are administered. All immunizations administered are uploaded in Nevada State WebIZ.
5. From March 6- May 22, 2023, CCSD Adolescent Clinics were added to outreach clinics. The walk-in clinics are scheduled on Mondays from 3pm-6pm. CCSD selected four schools- Centennial, Cheyenne, Liberty, and Valley high schools. For the month of March, a total of 112 vaccines were administered to 46 students.

## II. COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign

### A. Community COVID-19 Vaccine Static Clinics

1. There were 304 COVID-19 and 51 influenza vaccines administered at four static sites held at two CSN campuses, Galleria Mall, and Boulevard Mall.
2. The COVID-19 Vaccination program continue to utilize both contract companies and community partners to assist with vaccination sites.

### B. Community COVID-19 Pop-Up Sites

1. There were an estimated 330 COVID-19 and 132 influenza vaccines administered through 24 pop-up and community partner clinics. These activities include clinics focused on the following population groups: long-term care facilities, congregate housing, underserved communities, and individuals with disabilities.
2. Community partnerships administering COVID-19 vaccinations included: Touro University, Clark County School District, Nevada Homeless Alliance, Silver Summit, Community Outreach Medical Center, and Puentes Las Vegas.
3. As requested from State partners, long term care facilities continue to be provided vaccination services through SNHD during the last month. In addition, a new clinic at Nevada Department of Corrections was conducted and will be continued regularly.
4. Homebound vaccination services continue to be provided to patients who have disabilities affecting mobility or are immunocompromised. A specialized strike team continues to be available for patients with cognitive disabilities.

### C. MPOX vaccinations

1. There were an estimated 13 vaccines administered at three static and one community partner sites during the last month.
2. Through a collaborative effort with the Office of Acute Communicable Disease Control, an additional 12 MPOX vaccine late night clinics were held at strategic locations. An estimated 13 MPOX vaccinations were administered at these clinics.

### D. Additional projects

1. In conjunction with staff members from the SNHD Office of Informatics and Epidemiology, COVID-19 staff members are continuing to assist with the data collection, analysis, and interpretation of a vaccine reminder magnet project geared towards COVID-19 vaccine uptake. Once approved by leadership the results of a preliminary analysis of this project will be presented to state partners.
2. With the assistance of staff members from the SNHD Office of Informatics and Epidemiology, COVID-19 staff members are developing a text-message based reminder/recall project geared toward COVID-19 vaccine uptake in the population. Revisions to the project are currently under review.
3. The Healthcare Provider GET IT. GIVE IT. COVID-19 Vaccine Initiative has been launched to increase the COVID-19 vaccine rates for healthcare providers who carry and administer COVID-19 vaccine in their clinic, hospital, or long term care facility. Mobilization of the SNHD's Healthcare Provider Team provide substantial support to healthcare providers during the Nevada State Immunization Program's enrollment process, as well as provide training on vaccine storage and handling, and management of inventory and reconciliation of the COVID-19 vaccines.

## III. Community Health Nursing

### A. Maternal Child Health

1. There were no new childhood lead cases for the month of March.

2. There were no new referrals for the Newborn Screening Program that required follow-up by the field nurse.

**B. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)**

The Southern Nevada Health District Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) has 170 active families. Forty-nine are participating through the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. Forty-seven clients are being served by the NFP expansion team. Grants from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health make these programs possible.

The two newest nurse home visitors completed the required NFP Units 1 and 2 training. These nurse home visitors are shadowing experienced nurse home visitors on home visits. They are also beginning to build their caseloads, are conducting outreach activities at different Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) offices and continue to learn about the community resources available for families served. The established nurse home visitors continue to serve eligible families providing education, support, and referrals to needed resources during in-person visits.

**C. Embracing Healthy Baby**

The Southern Nevada Health District's Embracing Healthy Baby Program Community Health Workers (CHWs) are managing cases with support from the program Community Health Nurse. Telephone and home visits continue with enrolled families. The program is providing services primarily through home visits. Education and referrals to needed services continue to be provided to families.

Program outreach in the month of March was performed at University Medical Center's Baby Steps program and at the Clark County Rainbow Library. The caseloads are at full capacity.

**IV. Sexual Health Clinic (SHC)**

- A. The Sexual Health Clinic (SHC) clinic provided 999 unique services to 802 unduplicated patients for the month of March. There were 100 unduplicated patients seen at the All-Saints Episcopal Church (ASEC) Outreach Clinic. Express Testing serviced 155 patients. There are currently 82 patients receiving injectable treatment for HIV prevention (PrEP).
- B. The SHC is participating in a Learning Collaborative under the Ending the HIV Epidemic efforts: STD Specialty Clinic Learning Community through the University of Washington's Prevention Training Center with the goal of scaling up HIV preventive services in STD specialty clinics. The SHC is participating in a research project in collaboration with the University of San Diego, California (UCSD) looking at STI's as a tool for HIV prevention. The SHC continues to collaborate with UMC on referrals for evaluation and treatment of neurosyphilis. The SHC is participating in a Gilead FOCUS grant to expand express testing services for asymptomatic patients and provide linkage to care for patients needing STI, Hepatitis C or HIV treatment services.
- C. The SHC participated in the CDC site visit, including a tour of the SHC clinic and highlights of the SHC STI treatment, testing and prevention services offered through SNHD. SHC leadership met with a representative from the Office of Communications, Policy, Planning and Partnerships, Division of STD Prevention, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, TD, and tuberculosis Prevention, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention to provide information about SHC programs for the purpose of “Highlighting Creative STI Prevention and Treatment Approaches”. The success of the SHC ASEC Outreach Clinic was a topic of special interest in the virtual meeting. Our status neutral approach to care for HIV Rapid stART referral and HIV prevention services and injectable PrEP services were included in the discussion. SHC administrative assistant (AA) staff began providing cashier services in SHC.

- D. The Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program (CSCMP) is a program to address the high rate of congenital syphilis in the community. The SHC nurse case manager has enrolled seven new program participants this month. This is value-added service to patients accessing the SHC and clinicians have seen the difference in outcomes among patients who are partnered with the nurse. There are 27 active participants in the month of March. Four cases were closed in March.
- E. The SHC staff continues to see patients for Monkeypox evaluation and referral for vaccine.
- F. SHC is in the recruitment process to fill one vacant CHN I position and one AA position. Two vacant CHN I/II, one vacant medical assistant and one new medical assistant positions have been filled. The new hire started orientation for the SHC Community Health Worker (CHW) in the congenital syphilis case management program.

#### **V. Tuberculosis Clinic**

- A. 5 new active adult TB cases were reported by the TB Clinic in the month of March 2023. There were no new pediatric TB cases.

#### **VI. Employee Health Nurse**

- A. There were Thirty (30) SNHD Employees who tested for COVID-19 in March 2023. This includes three (3) PCR tests, Four (4) Rapid Antigen tests, and twenty-six (26) from outside entities. Nine (9) employees tested positive for COVID.
- B. Employee New Hire and Annual Tuberculosis (TB) testing continued for the month of March. Annual catch-up TB testing is ongoing. Fifty-Nine (59) Tuberculosis tests were completed.
- C. Employee New Hire and Annual FIT Testing Medical Evaluations continued for the month of March. Fifteen (15) medical clearances were conducted.
- D. There were no employee Blood Borne Pathogens exposure cases for the month of March.
- E. There are no new employee TB exposure cases for the month of February.
- F. Vaccine Clinics need numbers
  - March 1-31, 2023
    - Employees 10
      - 2 Bi-valent COVID-19
      - 1 Influenza
      - 0 Monkeypox Vaccine
      - 8 other vaccines
      - Total vaccines given 11

- Community Vaccinations
  - 0 COVID-19 Vaccines
  - 0 Influenza Vaccines
  - 0 Other vaccine

G. Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed and updated.

**VII. Academic Affairs**

A. There was a total of 14 Interns and 372 applied public health practice hours for March 2023.

**VIII. Preventive Care Administration**

A. Clinical Services Division continues to retain Nevada State Board of Nursing approval to provide Continuing Education credits for SNHD Nursing staff. There were 4 CEU's offered in March.

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Attachments: March 2023 Statistical Report

**PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE  
MONTHLY REPORT  
March 2023**

**Client Encounters by Locations**

Location	DECATUR PHC	ELV PHC	Hend PHC	Mesquite PHC	Laughlin	Mobile Clinic	Homeless Outreach	Targeted Populations	TOTAL
Immunization	1,144	625	237	43	0	0	0	0	2,049
Immunization Records Issued	206	48	11	1					266
Newborn Metabolic Screening	0	1	0	0					1
Sexual Health Clinic	999								999
TB Treatment & Control	1,269								1,269
SAPTA Services								33	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,618</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4,617</b>

**Client Encounters by Program**

Program	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Immunizations	2,768	2,049	↓	31,119	32,276	↑
Immunization Records Issued	532	266	↓	2,834	4,548	↑
COVID-19 Vaccine Given*	2218	634	↓	25,815	9,685	↓
Newborn Met. Screening	0	1	↑	0	1	↑
Sexual Health Clinic	1,325	999	↓	11,413	10,481	↓
TB Treatment & Control	1043	1,269	↑	7,936	10,647	↑
SAPTA Services	47	33	↓	230	408	↑
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7933</b>	<b>5,251</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>79347</b>	<b>68046</b>	<b>↓</b>

\*Funded by COVID Grant Funds-Data Collection started January 2022

## Immunization Program

Immunizations	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Flu Vaccine Given	772	708	↓	8,504	7,671	↓
Gratis	168	81	↓	1,822	81	↓
COVID Vaccine*	400	328	↓	4,822	2,057	↓

\*Given by Immunization Clinics

Vaccines for Children (VFC)*	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Number of VFC Compliance Visits	5	1	↓	58	43	↓
Number of IQIP Visits*	9	6	↓	30	66	↑
Number of Follow Up Contacts	55	10	↓	385	230	↓
Number of Annual Provider Training	4	10	↑	51	40	↓
Number of State Requested Visits	219	130	↓	1,051	827	↓

Perinatal Hepatitis B	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
# of Expectant Women	19	18	↓	16	19	↑
# of Infants	98	91	↓	79	82	↑
Total # of Infants Delivered	5	9	↑	31	35	↑
New Cases	8	9	↑	38	44	↑
Closed Cases	7	6	↓	41	34	↓

Childcare Program	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Childcare Audits	13	3	↓	59	54	↓
Baseline Immunization Rate	61%	69%	↑	73%	71%	↓
# of Final Audits	12	3	↓	63	54	↓
Final Immunization Rate	91%	93%	↓	93%	93%	→
# of Records Reviewed	821	147	↓	4611	3653	↓

## Covid-19 Vaccine Campaign

COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22*	FY 22-23	
# of COVID-19 Vaccines administered	2218	634	↓	25,815	9,685	↓
# of Monkeypox Vaccine administered*	0	13	↑	0	537	↑
# of Influenza Vaccine administered*	0	183	↑	0	1160	↑
# of Healthcare Provider Compliance Visits	9	6	↓	45	29	↓
# of Newly Enrolled Healthcare Provider Education Sessions	6	6	→	40	53	↑
# of Potential Healthcare Provider Recruitment Sessions	3	6	↑	50	39	↓
# of Healthcare Provider Contacts	108	115	↑	954	535	↓

\* Vaccine administration started October 2022

**Community Health Program**

Nursing Field Services	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
MCH Team Home Visit Encounters	15	14	↓	99	69	↓

NFP (Team 1)	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	21	9	↓	160	81	↓
Enrolled	12	7	↓	85	54	↓
Active	132	123	↓			

NFP (Expansion Team)	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	N/A	6	↓	N/A	81	↓
Enrolled	N/A	3	↓	N/A	46	↓
Active	N/A	47	↓			

MCH	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
# of Referrals Received**	3	3	→	24	34	↑
# from CPS*	1	3	↑	12	23	↑
# of Lead Referrals	1	0	↓	4	3	↓
# of Total Admissions	1	4	↑	10	21	↑

EHB	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	6	5	↓	137	60	↓
Enrolled	4	3	↓	62	44	↓
Active	57	57	→			

Thrive by 0 - 3	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Referrals	57	57	↓	692	579	↓
One-Time Home Visits	N/A	2	↓	N/A	29	↓
Enrolled	1	1	→	14	22	↑
Active	12	15	↑			



## Tuberculosis Program

Tuberculosis	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
Number of Case Management Activities*	180	262	↑	2,088	1,988	↓
Number of Monthly Pulmonary Specialist Clinic Clients Seen	20	26	↑	198	303	↑
Number of Monthly Electronic Disease Notifications Clinic Clients (Class B)	17	28	↑	108	198	↑
Outreach Activities during the Month - Presentations, Physician Visits, Correctional Visits, etc.	2	4	↑	6	45	↑
Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Field, clinic and televideo encounters	830	1,007	↑	5,543	8,253	↑

\*New EMR system- Counting only successful activities

Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Agency (SAPTA)	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
# of Site Visits	5	3	↓	24	32	↑
# of Clients Screened	47	33	↓	230	408	↑
# of TB Tests	40	29	↓	195	350	↑
# of Assessments only	7	4	↓	35	58	↑

## Sexual Health Clinic Program

STD Services	March 2022	March 2023		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	
STD treatment/screening/exam	1,325	999	↓	11,413	10,481	↓
Total # of patients served	844	802	↓	7,471	7,992	↑

## Interns and Clinical Rotations

Interns /Rotations	March 2023	YTD FY22-23
Total Number of Interns <sup>1</sup>	14	28
Internship Hours <sup>2</sup>	372	1,026

<sup>1</sup>Total number of students, residents, and fellows

<sup>2</sup> Approximate hours students, residents, and fellows worked in applied public health practice